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RESPONSE

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2002, having a response due set to expire on September 21, 2002.

Claims 1 – 22 are active and subject to restriction.

Claims 1 – 11, Group I, are restricted from claims 12 –22, Group II.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, claims 12 – 22, drawn to a method of correcting an imbalance between two muscles. This election is made without traverse.

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